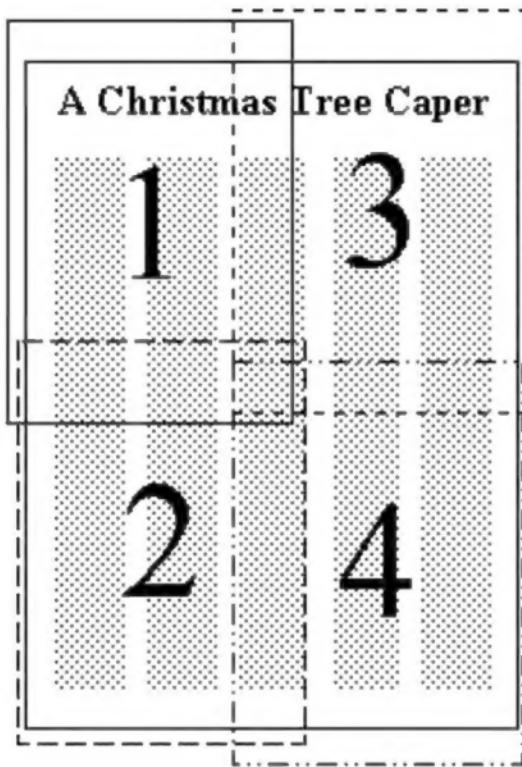


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PICKET TICKET

By JACK RITCHIE

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THE trouble with the battle of sexes," I said, "is that the women are doing all the fighting and the men don't even realize that war has been declared. This infuriates women."

Jenny's Aunt Ida smiled reminiscently. "I remember when I handcuffed myself to the railing in front of the town hall. I vowed to stay there forever unless women were given the right to vote."

"Good for you," Jenny Payne said militantly.

Aunt Ida sighed. "Unfortunately it started to rain and none of the girls could find the key to the handcuffs."

She stopped knitting for a moment. "My hat would have been ruined, but that's when I met Uncle Fred, Jenny. He was a policeman then and he held an umbrella over my head for more than an hour before the rain stopped and he could find a hacksaw. He was the handsomest man, even if the rain did make his mustache droop."

She smiled again. "Later on we just talked and walked and walked. He couldn't sit down because his uniform had shrunk a little."

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Jenny continued addressing her campaign literature. "We women have got to participate actively

you've just established an important point, Bob."

"Jeff is my campaign manager," Jenny said smugly.

"We stand for clean government," Jeff said, brandishing a forefinger. "We believe in honesty, integrity, and a stable economy. Not only that, but we're unequivocally against litter bugs."

"Good for you," I said bitterly. "Have you taken any side on the question of efficient garbage collections?"

"Well now," Jeff said thoughtfully. "The matter has to be studied. We mustn't arrive at any hasty conclusions. This demands sober, impartial, mature consideration."

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His teeth seemed remarkably sharp as he smiled. "You might as well give up, Bob. Fifty-three percent of the voters in this ward are women. All I need to do to get them to the polls is some stirring innuendo issue. Maybe I'll conduct a smear campaign."

I reached for my hat and departed.

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JENNY ANSWERS FRONT DOORBELL

"Well," Jenny said, conceding a point. "I guess he can stay. But all the rest can go. Out with the party hacks, I say! Out!"

Aunt Ida resumed her knitting. "Fred agreed with me. About votes for women, you know. Somehow that took all the fun out of it. I resigned my commission in the West Morrisport Suffragette Battalion."

The front doorbell rang and Jenny got up to answer it. She came back with Jeff Harrison. Jeff has gleaming white teeth, a hairline mustache, and the habit of rubbing his hands together.

"Now, now, Jenny," he said. "Mustn't fraternize with the enemy."

"We've been fraternizing for six years," I said stiffly.

Aunt Ida nodded. "I think

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I stood on my tiptoes and looked over a dozen heads. Jenny had one wrist handcuffed to the iron picket fence guarding the town hall lawn.

Jenny's face was earnest as she delivered her speech. Finally she waved her free arm. "Women have been shackled long enough by their complacency. Too long have we avoided the polls and meekly followed the dictates of male politicians."

She rattled the handcuffs. "But we need be shackled no longer." Triumphantly she held

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